

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

DECEMBER 14, 1847.  
Read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DICKINSON submitted for consideration the following

RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That true policy requires the government of the United States to strengthen its political and commercial relations upon this continent by the annexation of such contiguous territory as may conduce to that end, and can be justly obtained; and that neither in such acquisition, nor in the territorial organization thereof, can any conditions be constitutionally imposed or institutions be provided for or established inconsistent with the right of the people thereof to form a free sovereign State, with the powers and privileges of the original members of the confederacy.

*Resolved*, That in organizing a territorial government for territory belonging to the United States, the principles of self-government, upon which our federative system rests, will be best promoted, the true spirit and meaning of the constitution be observed, and the confederacy strengthened, by leaving all questions concerning the domestic policy therein to the legislatures chosen by the people thereof.

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IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 12, 1848.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Mr. YULEE to the resolutions submitted by Mr. DICKINSON on the 14th December, 1847, viz: Strike out all after the word "resolved," and insert the following:

That the territory belonging to, or which may be acquired by, the United States, is the common property of the Union, and the sovereignty over the same vests in the people of the several States composing the Union.

*Resolved, further,* That the federal government has no delegated authority, nor the territorial community any inherent right, to exercise any legislative power within the said territories by which the equal right of all the citizens of the United States to acquire and enjoy any part of the common property may be impaired or embarrassed.

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JANUARY 12, 1848.

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AMENDMENT

Proposed by Mr. HALE to the resolutions submitted by Mr. DICKINSON on the 14th December, 1847, viz: Strike out all after the word "resolved," and insert the following:

That it should be one of the fundamental rules and conditions on which all territory hereafter to be acquired by purchase, conquest, or otherwise, that slavery and involuntary servitude, except for the punishment of crime, whereof the party shall be duly convicted, shall be forever prohibited in said territory.

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IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 12, 1812.  
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AMENDMENT

Proposed by Mr. Hays to the resolution submitted by Mr. Dickinson on  
the 14th December, 1811, viz: Strike out all after the word "resolved,"  
and insert the following:

That it should be one of the fundamental rules and conditions on which  
all territory hereafter to be acquired by purchase, conquest, or otherwise,  
that slavery and involuntary servitude, except for the punishment of crime,  
whereof the party shall be duly convicted, shall be forever prohibited in  
said territory.

Teste &c. Secretary.